

GOVERNOR'S COMMISSION FOR A DRUG FREE INDIANA CRIMINAL JUSTICE INSTITUTE

JANUARY 17, 2007

11:00 A.M. TO 1:00 P.M.

ONE NORTH CAPITOL, 1ST FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM

MINUTES

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Don Parker, Steven Clouse, Jim Bobe, Jeff Barber, A. Wyatt Mullinax, Dennis Kruse

OTHERS PRESENT: Michael Cunegin, ICJI Executive Director, Sonya Cleveland, ICJI, Laura Coykendall, ICJI, Diana Williams, DOC, Cecelia Wylie, METH Watch, Lori Petro, ISP, Steven King, ICJI, Kim Manlove, DMHA, Mary Murdock, ICJI, Jason Hutchens, ICJI, Gretchen Gentry, DCS, Barbara Seitz-Martinez, IPRC, Mary Kay Hudson, Indiana Judicial Center, Cathy Boggs, DMHA, Doug Gosser, ISA, John Viernes, FSSA/DMHA, Marcia French, FSSA/DMHA

Sonya Cleveland welcomed all to today's meeting and especially thanked the members of the Meth Free Indiana Coalition for their attendance. She announced the minutes from the previous meeting would be distributed electronically at a later date. Sonya Cleveland noted that Commissioner Jim Lyons was absent due to the death in the family, and Steve Camilleri and William Sleva were unable to attend due to work obligations.

Sonya Cleveland shared with the group a request she had received from Commission Members Kruse and Bell. As current legislators, they are having difficulties attending the Commission meetings as they are currently scheduled. It was requested that the Commission meetings be shifted to an earlier time during session. All Commission members present agreed to change the meeting time beginning in February for the duration of the session.

Sonya Cleveland asked the Meth Free Indiana Coalition committee chairs present to provide activity reports for their respective committees.

- Kim Manlove, DMHA/SPIF-SIG program manager reported that the strategic plan had been submitted to CSAP. The SPIF-SIG team is currently on an aggressive schedule to have the plan approved by the necessary review bodies. He reported a current goal to have the SPIF-SIG dollars to communities by July 14, 2007.
- Law Enforcement Sub-Committee, co-chaired by Lori Petro and Steve King. Lori Petro reported that the strategic plan included addressing trainings, Meth enforcement and better documentation. Overall lab numbers are down, but the final numbers are still coming in. Reporting and enforcement have increased, and the numbers of active/open labs discovered are up. In February the authorized container storage program will be up and running. This program will save millions of dollars annually as it reduces manpower, overtime, contractors' hauling, etc. Representative Bobe asked if the Sheriffs' Departments will receive a container(s). Lori Petro responded that the DEA has contracted with the Indiana State Police (ISP) because the ISP handle most of the labs and that they would be available to any law enforcement agency who would enter into an agreement with ISP, as much training was required. Lastly, Steve King reported that the DEA and El Paso intelligence agencies would be holding interdiction training in March.

- Meth Watch, Cecelia Wylie. Cecelia Wylie reported that the tamper tag program was up and running. Tags are being distributed through county extension offices and the ISP posts throughout the state. More tags are being ordered in preparation for planting season. In addition, she reported laminated flyers for first responders, home visitors, etc. were being developed for use as Meth related resources. She is also in the process of developing a Meth Free Indiana Coalition resource book for community members who want to know more about Meth, i.e. use, outcomes, signs, dangers, etc. The development of such a book will ensure that a consistent message will be delivered throughout communities regarding Meth.
- Treatment Sub-Committee, Diana Williams Department of Corrections. Diana Williams reported on the Clean Lifestyle Together Forever program, the DOC Meth Program. Currently they have 800 beds devoted to the program. Over 500 men, 30 juveniles, and 100 women have completed the program. Steve Clouse asked for more information about the program prerequisites. Diana Williams reported that candidates must have used Meth within the last year, be level one in DOC, and be within three years of release. The need for treatment is established via assessment. This is a nine month program, on average. After completion, the client could become a mentor and stay in the program longer.
- Treatment Committee, John Viernes. John Viernes reported 1,950 people were admitted for substance abuse treatment, with Meth being the primary drug of choice. He added a current initiative to partner with the courts to create leverage for individuals to participate in treatment was underway.
- Prosecution/Courts Sub-Committee, Mary Kay Hudson. Mary Kay Hudson reported that more rural communities report issues with Meth and Alcohol. Currently they are looking at the effectiveness of drug courts throughout the state, examining costs, benefits, and outcomes. Family Dependency courts are also being researched; as they address a broad spectrum of issues, including addictions.
- Prevention/Education Sub-Committee, Jeff Barber. Jeff Barber reported that three county extension staff had already been trained on the Strengthening Families program. The program will be distributed through the Extension offices. Iowa has utilized the program, and we are currently working with them to identify what is working, not working, etc. based on their experiences. If this is the program that is chosen, it will be implemented on a pilot basis in a county with a strong extension program.
- Drug Endangered Children Committee, Gretchen Gentry, Department of Children's Services. Gretchen Gentry reported that training for protocols for interacting with drug endangered children had been developed. This one hour workshop format will be offered to new and current staff by February first.
- Clean Up and Remediation Committee. The first Meth lab clean up and contractor training has begun. There were nearly forty contractors in attendance as well as representatives from Tennessee who have already completed trainings to act as resources. It is important to note, not all may decide to complete the training. Once the trainings are completed, a list of qualified contractors will be available on the web site.

Mike Cunegin, Executive Director of the Indiana Criminal Justice Institute, reported on the Advanced Criminal Enforcement (ACE) team. He announced that he was working with BJA to

get training with human trafficking for law enforcement officers. This group is in its infancy, having held only two meetings. However they have set aggressive timelines to provide advanced interdiction training around the state. They are also looking into legislative initiatives to improve and promote interdiction.

Sonya Cleveland provided an overview of the Pike County LCC for those present. She shared with them a memo provided by Terry Cohen, the community consultant for that county, which shared concerns regarding the LCC's operations. The Pike County LCC requests their budget from the Drug Free Fund from county government. Only 25% of the total amount is to be used for administrative purposes (to pay for the LCC's coordinator), with 75% of the funds being directed back into the community. However, in Pike County, the LCC identifies the amount available or collected from the previous year and includes the expected revenue from collections from the current year. In this manner they are effectively allowing a 50% allocation for administrative costs. There are also concerns regarding their lack of adherence to their own by-laws, i.e. not having a designated treasurer, not enforcing the requirement for a quorum, and the lack of proposals to accompany some fund allocations. Sonya Cleveland noted that the LCC has submitted a solid comprehensive plan. After much discussion, the Commission members determined, at this time, the Pike County Council should be contacted, made aware of these concerns, and given the opportunity to address them.

Sonya Cleveland also brought forth a request from the Drug Free Marion County (DFMC) LCC which requested a three month extension of their comprehensive plan submission due to delays and extensions from last years application process. Sonya noted the last year's delays were a result of the DFMC's failure to include supportive data in their document. Plans from all LCC's are designed to present a one year snap shot of that community's activities. After discussion, the Commission decided to extend the deadline until February 23, and requested the DFMC attend the next Commission meeting to explain why they needed an additional sixty day extension.

Sonya Cleveland shared with the Commission that she and the community consultants were in the process of developing a working plan to accompany the strategic plan. The next step in the process is to create deliverables for their efforts.

Sonya Cleveland introduced Jim Coppel who provided an overview of various state drug control strategies (see handout) throughout the country. He reviewed the benefits of establishing a drug control strategy, including elimination of gaps, identification of duplication, and avoiding funding silos. He provided information about the drug control policies in several other states, including Florida, Iowa, Kentucky, Michigan, and New Hampshire. Vision and mission statements for the policies can vary greatly, but it is important that the issue of authority be addressed. Identifying who has the authority to implement the strategy and who has the accountability for implementing the strategy are key issues.

The next meeting will be Wednesday February 21st at 11:00 a.m.